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WOMAN'S PART IN UNITING WESTERN WORLD IS THEME

Work of Fair Sex Is Uppermost Note at Pan-American Scientific Congress.

MRS. LANSING PRESIDES

Red Cross Activities Explained by Mabel Boardman, Head of American Society.

ANTHROPOLOGISTS END WORK

Chester L. Jones Explains How Republics Have Been Enabled to Pass Financial Crisis.

Woman's work in the proposed plans for promoting a closer alliance between the republics of the Americas was the predominating keynote in the deliberations of the Pan-American Scientific Congress yesterday.

The woman's auxiliary conferences were resumed in Continental Memorial Hall yesterday morning after a recess of three days. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State, who shortly afterwards turned the chair over to Miss Mabel Boardman, chairman of the executive board of the American Red Cross.

Sectional meetings of the congress continued in the various hotels of Washington and other auditoriums. Most of these sections will complete their work within the next day or two and stand ready to adjourn. Section I, devoted to anthropology, which body has been meeting at the New National Museum, finished its work yesterday and adjourned.

Public Credit Discussed.

The papers presented to the sections yesterday were mostly of a scientific character. One of the most important was a resume of the extraordinary efforts made by South American republics to maintain their public credit, especially their foreign obligations, which were menaced by the European war. This study was contributed by Chester Lloyd Jones, of the University of Wisconsin, before section IX.

Retrenchments in expenditure, increased taxation, and public loans have enabled the republics to pass the financial crisis caused by the European war, said Mr. Jones, and business in these countries is rapidly becoming

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German Sea Trade Gone, Says Report

Over 92 Per Cent of Exports to America Stopped Since the War Began.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, Jan. 4.—A Parliamentary memorandum was issued tonight dealing with the "interception of seaborne commerce of Germany." Referring to German exports to America, the report says:

"The latest returns available, namely those of September, show that over 92 per cent of the German exports to America have been stopped." The report also states that effective measures have been taken to stop exports on a small scale from Germany and Austria to America by parcel post.

Summing up the results of the blockade, the memorandum says: "German exports to overseas countries have been almost entirely stopped. The exceptions made are in cases where refusal to allow the exports of goods would hurt the neutral concerned without inflicting injury on Germany."

"All shipments to neutrals adjacent to Germany have been carefully scrutinized with a view to the detection of a concealed enemy destination. Wherever there is reasonable ground for suspecting the destination of the goods they are placed in prize courts. Doubtful consignments are detained pending satisfactory guarantees."

GERMAN THREAT TO GREECE.

Demand That Allies Withdraw from Saloniki, Is Report.

Zurich, Jan. 4.—The German newspaper Vossische Zeitung reports that Germany has demanded the immediate withdrawal of the allies from Saloniki.

If Greece does not compel the Anglo-French forces to evacuate Greek soil the war will be carried into Greek Macedonia.

A reply to the German demand is expected this week.

2,422 War Factories in England.

London, Jan. 4.—Official announcement was made tonight that 2,422 establishments had been added to the munition works controlled by the government. The total number of these works is now 2,422.

ACCUSE TISZA AS ASSASSIN.

Count and Other Austrians Charged With Inspiring Ferdinand's Murder.

Bucharest, Jan. 4.—Count Tisza and certain other Austro-Hungarian officials were the real authors of the assassination of Grand Duke Ferdinand, according to the well-known Transylvanian leader, M. Locali. Documents proving this are soon to be made public.

M. Locali's statement is made in reply to the announcement by the Hungarian newspaper Pestor Lloyd that proofs of the complicity of the Serbian government and Prince Alexander in the crime which brought about the war had been found among the prince's papers captured by the Bulgarians.

POPE FAVORS PEACE PLANS

Cardinal's Letter Says Pontiff Believes Christians Should Unite in Cause.

PEACE PLEA MADE BEFORE LEADERS OF MANY FAITHS

Chicago Bishop Tells World Conference United Church Could Have Prevented War.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Garden City, N. Y., Jan. 4.—More than fifty church dignitaries of twenty denominations attending the World Conference of Faith and Order heard a plea for universal peace tonight. A letter from Cardinal Peter Gasparri, plugging the pope's support to the movement, was received with applause.

Right Rev. C. P. Anderson, Bishop of Chicago, who presided at the opening session tonight, stirred his auditors by reference to the European war.

"In the midst of the European conflict," he said, "the world asks, 'has Christianity failed?' It is a fair question as to whether a united church might not have preserved the peace of the world."

"We look upon the church today and instead of an interior indestructible and united we find it externally rent and torn asunder, largely disintegrated, and incapable of molding the national conscience."

"Isolation, separation, and disintegration are dissipating the power of the Church of Jesus Christ. A bewildered world and a divided church are crying 'how long, Oh Lord, how long until peace be established between nations and a unity made amongst the churches?'"

The letter of Cardinal Gasparri read, in part:

"Your project of an international convention of all who believe in Jesus Christ as God and Saviour to accomplish the speedy fulfillment of the final prayer of the Lord, that all may be one, I have, in obedience to your request, submitted to the most blessed father. I need not here describe the affection with which I saw the august pontiff kindled for you. For you well know that the plans of the Roman pontiffs, their cares and their labors, have always been specially directed to the end that the sole and unique church which Jesus Christ ordained and sanctified with His divine blood should be most zealously guarded and maintained, whole, pure and ever abounding in love, and that it should both let its light shine and open wide its doors for all who rejoice in the name of man and who desire to gain holiness upon earth and eternal happiness in heaven."

According to Mr. Gardiner's report, a deputation was about to confer with the Pope and European churches just prior to the outbreak of the war. Correspondence has since been continued, he stated, and a wide and increasing interest aroused for a clearer recognition that nothing but the visible unity of the church, the body of Christ, will suffice to establish his law of peace.

Workman Ablaze Starts Big Fire

Half Million Loss When Oil-Soaked Clothing Catches from Furnace.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 4.—While an employee of the Texas Oil Company storage plant here was stoking the boiler of the plant late this afternoon his oil-soaked clothing became ignited from a back flash from the boilers and immediately the flames were communicated to other parts of the plant, causing a total loss of \$500,000.

Several containers of lubricating oil were released and within a few minutes fire had spread all over the plant. Seven huge containers of gasoline exploded and this and lubricating oil ran into a creek, which blazed for miles.

Adjacent to the property of the oil company was the American Cast Iron Pipe Company, with buildings and plants valued at several millions. It is said that at several times this plant was in danger, but it was saved.

The flames communicated to a large packing house, but were extinguished. No lives were lost, although two employees of the oil company are seriously injured, one probably fatally.

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CZERNOWITZ WON BY RUSS

Austrians Reported to Have Evacuated Capital of Bukowina.

MANY PRISONERS ARE TAKEN INCLUDING GERMAN OFFICERS

Result of Battle, It Is Believed, Will Have Material Effect on Situation in the Balkans.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 4.—The Austro-German forces have evacuated Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, according to a Reuter Petrograd dispatch.

The report adds that a large number of prisoners had been taken and that these include many German officers. The Russian official reports up to date, however, do not confirm the evacuation of Czernowitz although they do mention the capture of a line of trenches northwest of the city.

Effect on Balkan Campaign.

It is around the Bukovinian stronghold that the great fighting of the Southern Galician campaign has been waged ever since the new Russian drive began. If the reported capture of Czernowitz be true, it means that Gen. Ivanoff has won a battle that will materially affect the Balkan-Greece campaign. The fighting along the Galician-Bessarabian line is being conducted in bitter cold weather and amidst the snow-filled valleys of the mountains east of the River Pruth.

Notwithstanding this climatic stress and the large forces opposing them everywhere in the Strypa and Volhynian districts of Russia and in East Galicia, the Russians are on the offensive.

Russ Official Statement.

The official statement from the Russian general headquarters, issued today, reads as follows:

"In the region of Czortorysk the Teutons were driven from the sheltering woods. In the region of the middle Strypa our troops, having crossed the line of w'e entanglements, occupied the Teuton trenches and took by storm a fortified work."

Vienna (via Berlin wireless), Jan. 4.—Russian forces in East Galicia have suffered appalling losses. The Austrian war office announced today. Terrible hand-to-hand fighting continues, with the Russians attempting to break through the Austrian lines and being repulsed.

British Cabinet Is Facing Crisis

Conscription Bill May Be Rock to Split Asquith Government.

By W. ORTON TEWSON.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 4.—Epoch-making speeches will be made tomorrow by Premier Asquith and Lord Kitchener to the commons and the lords, respectively. The cabinet position, as a result of today's sitting, is critical. Sir John Simon, home secretary, has resigned and others threaten to follow his example.

The details of the compulsory service bill, which the premier will introduce tomorrow have been settled. The principles of the bill remain as described in previous messages. It is understood that no penalties are prescribed, as when unattested single men are called into the army they will thereby be subject to military law.

Neither Chancellor McKenna nor Walter Runciman has yet followed Sir John Simon's lead, for the points of policy which they have raised as to the size of the army and the demands of the trade unionists have not been settled by the cabinet. There has been another postponement and the cabinet has not been summoned for tomorrow.

Friends of these two ministers anticipate that either or both may resign toward the end of the week. If this happens, it is possible that other resignations may follow, and there will then be a serious cabinet crisis. There are other possibilities equally serious and the political situation is threatening.

In the house of commons the liberal group, opposed to conscription, have announced their intention of dividing against the initial stage of the bill or against closure if it is proposed. It is not believed the speaker will grant closure in such circumstances. This means at least two days' debate on the first reading of the bill.

Jewish Fund Passes Million Mark.

New York, Jan. 4.—The American Jewish relief committee announced today that its fund for the relief of Jewish war sufferers in Europe had passed the million dollar mark. The actual figures given out were \$1,007,833.57. There is not the slightest doubt now, it is said, that the fund will go well beyond the two million mark before the end of January. It is believed that at least \$500,000 will be raised at the big mass meeting to be held in Chicago.

Prince of Wales Pension Chairman.

London, Jan. 4.—The Prince of Wales has been named chairman of the committee on war pensions. This announcement was made in the house of commons today.

Kaiser Doomed to Be Dumb For Life, Paris Matin Hears

Speech Gone Now and He Will Be Stuffed Unless Larynx Is Removed—Can Never Speak Again if It Is—Blood Poisoning Aggravates Grave Condition.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Matin says: "The Kaiser's operation is admitted by German newspapers to have consisted of a partial ablation of cancerous tissues of the larynx. The Emperor is now totally unable to speak. If he does not consent to complete removal of the diseased portions of the larynx he will be stifled within a few weeks."

"If he does consent, he will be dumb for the remainder of his life."

Amsterdam, Jan. 4.—Emperor William is suffering from blood poisoning and his condition is daily becoming worse, according to reports that have reached here from Germany. These state that the Kaiser has been operated upon twice without any improvement being noted and that Crown Prince Frederick William will be temporarily entrusted with the imperial power unless his father's condition changes in the near future.

Citizens Will Carry Fight to Save School Board to Congress

Columbia Heights' Association Will Appoint Committee to Oppose Commissioners' Plan—Indorse Campaign of Retail Merchants Against "Fake" Ads.

The wave of criticism against the plan of the Commissioners for reorganization of the District school system spread further last night, when the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association recorded its disapproval of the recommendation. A committee of five will be appointed to oppose the plan before both houses of Congress.

The resolution disapproving the Commissioners' plan, introduced by A. Leftwich Sinclair, was adopted unanimously after the school committee had recommended that action be deferred until the Commissioners make public their side of the case through Commissioner Newman at a meeting of the Federation of Citizens' Associations on Saturday night.

Mr. Sinclair offered in support of his resolution an editorial in The Washington Herald two weeks ago, which, he said, was a strong argument against the recommendation of the Commissioners.

The campaign of the Retail Merchants' Association against false advertising was indorsed by the association, and President William R. Harr and Secretary J. Clinton Hiatt decided to represent the organization on the "ad vigilance committee." Mr. Harr lauded the movement as one worthy of the co-operation of the citizens of the District.

SHIP AT MERCY OF THE SEA.

Thessaloniki's Salvage Crew Now Wish to Abandon Her to Waves.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, Jan. 4.—Capt. Galandris has given up hope of bringing the steamer Thessaloniki to port. During yesterday's gale hawsers by which she was being towed by the Patria parted and left her floundering 250 miles away in a heavy sea.

Early today she flashed SOS signals, which were answered by the United States, of the Scandinavian-American Line, bound to Copenhagen. At 3 p. m. Capt. Gotache, of the United States, sent the following radio to his agents:

"Our noon position latitude 38.35, longitude 24.14 west, 45 miles from Thessaloniki, which has captain and 90 of crew left on board. Want to abandon ship. Passengers and balance of crew on Patria."

ALLIES THREATEN BLOCKADE.

Demand Upon Greece to Release Alleged Robbers of Mails.

Berlin (via wireless), Jan. 4.—The allies have threatened to blockade the island of Mitylene unless Greece releases two allied agents who robbed Greek mails bound for Athens and were arrested, according to Athens dispatches given out today by the Trans-Ocean News Bureau.

The Greek people are reported to be greatly excited over the refusal of Gen. Sarraïl to release the consuls of the central empires seized at Saloniki.

An Italian newspaper reports that the American consul at Saloniki, to whom the Teutonic consuls assigned their business when they were seized, has requested Anglo-French troops to evacuate the Teutonic consulate. The request, it is said, was refused.

Demands Facts from Wilson.

A resolution was offered by Representative Bennett, of New York, calling upon President Wilson to furnish the House with information relative to the "foreign conspiracies" that he mentioned in his address to Congress on December 7.

Huerta Reported Near Death.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 4.—Gen. Huerta is in a precarious condition, following another operation this morning. A priest was summoned and the sacrament of extreme unction was administered to the former Mexican president.

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HOUSE RAIDED BY POLICE.

Three Men and Four Women Arrested by Vice Squad.

Police of the Fifth precinct last night raided the house at 161 E street southeast, arresting three men and four women. Allant Graul, 38 years old, was charged with keeping a disorderly house. The other women and the men are being held for investigation.

The raiding squad was led by Capt. Mulhall, of the Fifth precinct, and Lieut. Bremmerman, with Detectives Howes, Simpson, and Cole, of the "vice squad" and half a dozen other policemen.

HIT BY AUTO, BOY ROBBED

Skates Stolen from Feet of Unconscious Lad with Broken Leg.

YOUTH LIES AN HOUR IN COMA AFTER BEING STRUCK BY CAR

Donald King, 15, at Emergency Hospital with Concussion of Brain Following Accident.

Tossed aside by a speeding automobile, with his left leg broken, and robbed of his roller skates as he lay unconscious, Donald King, 15, lay in the gutter at Twenty-seventh and Q streets northwest more than an hour last night before being discovered. He was recovering from his coma when picked up, but at a late hour last night had been unable to give an account of the accident.

The youth, who lives at 2519 Fourteenth street northwest, is the son of the late William A. King, former chief of the division of statistics, Bureau of Census. Donald left his home about 7 o'clock last night for the Center Market skating rink. He intended to skate through the streets to the rink. Almost an hour and a half later his family were notified of his accident, though he had lain in the street less than two blocks from his home during most of the time.

It was about 8 o'clock when Walter Johnson, colored, 2519 Q street, going to a nearby store, saw a figure huddled against the curbstone a block west of the Q street bridge. He heard groans and running up, found the boy, who was lying on his back.

The youth was in a dazed condition and was rallying from his unconsciousness when Johnson picked him up. His skates had been unstrapped from his feet and stolen.

Taken to Hospital.

Johnson hailed an automobile driven by C. W. Hoover, manager of the Union Garage, who, in turn, stopped Park Policeman F. E. Winters, and the injured lad was taken to Emergency Hospital. An examination showed his left leg was broken. His body was badly bruised, and his scalp injured, and he has concussion of the brain. Physicians, however, do not believe his condition is serious.

The boy bled profusely, but the hemorrhages had stopped when he was found. The fact that the blood had dried on his clothing was pointed to as evidence of the length of time he had been ignored. The locality where he was struck is dark, and while the street is a popular automobile route, but few pedestrians pass the spot.

The boy's family declared last night they intend to push the investigation of the case to the utmost. They charge speed laws along Q street and especially over the bridge are violated and that insufficient attention is given the speeders by police.

U. S. IS GOING SLOW BUT IS PRETTY SURE WHO SANK THE PERSIA

President Wilson Awaiting More Detailed Information Before Acting and Also He Counsels Congress to Be Patient

"ARMED VESSEL" IS NO EXCUSE

Any Attempt to Defend Liner's Destruction on Grounds that She Carried Guns Will Not Be Accepted by Washington, It Is Officially Intimated.

The Washington administration will await full facts before acting in the Persia case and will not be rushed into hasty or ill-advised action.

This decision was made plain at the White House yesterday. It was pointed out that the following must be established to form a basis for official action:

- 1—The fact that the Persia was torpedoed.
- 2—The identity of the submarine.
- 3—The circumstances of the attack.

The administration first awaits a report from Ambassador Penfield on his request for information from the Austrian government as to its knowledge of the sinking of the Persia causing the death of Robert N. McNeely, the newly-appointed American consul at Aden. Sworn affidavits from Persia survivors is also desired as an aid in framing the administration's course.

Events Move Swiftly.

Events moved swiftly in the critical submarine issue after the return of President Wilson to Washington yesterday. Within an hour after his return the President had a long telephonic conversation with Secretary Lansing and was given all the facts in the Persia case. Almost immediately a formal statement was issued by Secretary Tamm at the President's direction. Then the President sent for Senator William F. Stone and Representative Flood, chairman, respectively, of the Senate and House Foreign Relations committees, to counsel against impetuous action in Congress while the negotiations are in progress.

The formal statement issued from the White House read:

"The President and the Secretary of State are taking every means possible to obtain full facts in this grave matter, and will act just as soon as the information is obtained."

It was made plain later in the day that the purpose in issuing this statement was not to call attention to the gravity of the situation, but to emphasize the necessity of obtaining all facts before taking action.

Secretary Lansing gave the official construction placed on the word "gravity" when he said the "situation was grave in its possibilities," and not because of any actual information in the hands of the government.

Facts Standing Out.

These facts stood out at the close of a day that was marked by a crystallization of opinion on the main questions involved:

First—The administration is morally certain that the Persia was sunk by an Austrian submarine, but desires legal proof.

Second—If legal proof is established, either by Austria's admission or by sworn statements of Persia survivors, the United States will demand prompt desavowal and reparation, and assurances that Austria will take every precaution to warn all submarine commanders that no more liners must be torpedoed without warning and without

securing the safety of passengers and crew.

Third—Any attempted defense by Austria on the grounds that the Persia was armed will not be accepted by the United States as justification for the attack or as acquitting Austria of responsibility.

The direct intimation that Austria, if it accepts responsibility for the submarine attack, will strongly urge in defense that the Persia lost immunity through carrying arms, was made in Teutonic diplomatic circles yesterday. The point was made that each note of the United States on the subject of submarine warfare states in a most specific manner "unarmed merchant vessels." It was further argued that "no Persia incident now exists," because the admission that the British vessel carried a 4.7 gun shows that it was armed.

Austria Alone to Deal With.

Announcement by Secretary Lansing that no communication will be addressed to Germany or Austria at present was considered significant of the administration's feeling that it has Austria alone to deal with in the Persia case.

For that reason the report from Ambassador Penfield in response to his representations to the Vienna government are awaited with the greatest anxiety, as officials say upon Austria's attitude rests the question of the grave possibilities seen by Secretary Lansing.

The fact that Baron Zwiadinek has given assurances that Austria will give full satisfaction if its responsibility is shown tended to reduce the tension.

After he left the White House Representative Flood said that as soon as possible all of the evidence in the case of the sinking of the British liner Persia with Consul Robert N. McNeely on board, would be laid before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House and the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate. Meanwhile the President has asked that no speeches be made or resolutions introduced in Congress which might embarrass the administration in its foreign relations.

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